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A NOISY Fourth of July in Mexico may not mean independence day,

THE nomination of Taft was to be the signal for immediate business revival, still prosperity seems to lag as if Republican policies bred panics.

THE president having nominated his successor, now seems to think that he will have to run the election also. Poor Taft is certainly handicapped.

THE policy of leaving Castro alone to his own devices seem to be all the administration can think of in lieu of the much talked of big stick, which it is afraid to use.

THE trusts idea of what must be the "reasonable profit" promised them in the tariff plank of the Republican platform can be easier imagined than paid by the people.

THE tin plate trust has cut wages 5 per cent, but still continues to be protected by the 45 per cent tariff which according to Republican authority was expressly devised to protect the workmen.

THE independent strawboard companies have cut the price of strawboard \$2 a ton, which is that much less than the trust price of \$22 a ton. Of course, the Republicans will claim that Teddy did it, and Taft will say "me, too."

WHATEVER good can be said for Mr. Taft, and doubtless he has many estimable qualities, should be his due, yet the fact remains that his nomination was brought about by the most flagrant use of official power for partisan ends.

MRS. TAFT appears to think her opinion is called for on present political affairs. Brother Bill should advise her to copy after those estimable ladies, Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Cleveland, who under like circumstances were seen, but not heard too much.

FROM all sections of the country comes the story of devastation by water and the loss of an innumerable lives and live stock. Chariton county, although deluged in some portions, is reported will still raise fair crops. The past week the farmers have been extremely busy cutting wheat and plowing corn. When old Chariton fails to produce something is radically wrong.

THE paper trust has just reported to the New York stock exchange, that its gross profits for the past 10 months were \$17,188,000. For which good showing the trust must be thankful to the Republican party which has protected it from competition through high tariff rates. When the trust makes its contribution to the Republican campaign fund, every Democratic newspaper proprietor, at least, will unwillingly be the indirect donor of part of the goodie to elect Taft and Sherman, and another Republican congress, which would, if successful, perhaps revise the tariff higher, instead of abolishing the tariff on wood pulp and print paper.

THE American people have a great deal to be thankful for especially that they are not Russians or Persians or Mexicans. For although we are barred by Republican policies and corruption, and plundered by the trusts and corporations, still they allow us to live, and we will have a chance to vote this fall and turn the rascals out.

THE Democrats will have one advantage in this campaign that never occurred before. There will be \$100,000 cash in the hands of the treasurer, less the expense of holding the Denver convention, which should not exceed \$10,000, if ordinary prudence has been observed by the managers. Ninety thousand dollars is a pretty good nest egg to begin the campaign upon and not from a tainted source either.

THE Russian Democrats are quite naturally opposed to the present autocratic and rotten government, and the Russian senate finding the penal code does not provide for the punishment of such a heinous offense has determined that henceforth the Democrats shall not be allowed to hold any office. What will happen to the senate when the Russian Democrats get into power as they will some day can be well imagined.

AN ALARMED PARTISAN.

Fire Alarm Foraker is still sounding signals of distress to the Republican brethren, and declares that Taft will have a hard time in being elected. But after awhile, when the Taft people in Ohio have agreed that Foraker shall be elected United States senator, we may expect to hear frantic appeals by Foraker to the negroes and the wage-earners, to "rally round the flag boys" and once more get together for the G. O. P. and incidentally for Foraker.

IS THIS REFORMING.

There must be a wave of Puritanism over-running the Pelican state, for the journal of the Louisiana house of representatives records:

"An act requiring old maids and bachelors to either marry or adopt enough children to direct their attention along useful and proper lines.

"An act to make it a misdemeanor for any man to kiss his own wife or any other man's wife on Sunday, and providing a penalty therefor."

Are the people of Louisiana reforming or degenerating to the condition of those of Salem where they burnt old women as witches? Anywhere, it hardly seems Democratic, which should allow the most absolute freedom of the individual that is possible without interfering with the rights of others.

MILLIONAIRES AND PRESIDENT.

That millionaire Cincinnati who is at the point of death as a result of cheering for thirty minutes for Roosevelt at the Chicago convention, should be a warning to the other 63 millionaires who attended the convention to let such strenuous politics as Roosevelt seems to require religiously alone in the future. This sad case of over-wrought enthusiasm for the President raises the serious question: Why did these "malefactors of great wealth" cheer for the President? President Roosevelt was supposed to be chasing these rich malefactors to their dens in the lairs of

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NAGGING BUSINESS.

The boast of the Republicans that their policies have carried the country safely through the panic, and that business is rapidly reviving, does not seem to agree with the facts. For instance, the United States Cast Iron Pipe Foundry Co., known as the pipe trust, has just made its report to its stock-holders which shows very disappointing results. The president of the company says in his report:

"During November, 1907, business absolutely stopped: the company did not lose its business. There was no business.

"When there was added to this natural condition the depression which was caused by the panic, the result was a stagnation such as has never been known in the history of the cast iron pipe business in this country. Not only was there a cessation of business and a sharp fall in prices in November, but there was a declining market all through the winter and early spring months."

But the report tries to encourage the stock-holders, although no dividend is declared even on the preferred stock, by saying "that with the opening of spring business and improved." It need hardly be said that but very small orders would be an improvement over the entire cessation of business reported.

The other branches of the steel and iron business, although not making quite as disastrous a showing, are nearly in the same fix. Yet the Republican platform boasts that Republican policies have protected the business of the country.

REASONABLE PROFITS.

What is "a reasonable profit" for the industrial trusts to charge over and above the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad? The Republican managers who are hand and glove with the protected trusts and combines evidently know, but are afraid to inform the voters, for the Republican platform declares that:

"In all tariff legislation the true principle of protection is best maintained by the imposition of such duties as will equal the differences between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit to American industries."

As the present tariff undoubtedly, upholds "the true principle of protection," for it more than "equals the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad" and has allowed our trusts and protected interests to charge much higher prices here than similar goods are produced and sold for in foreign countries, one would think even the friends of protectionism would be satisfied. But it appears from what the Republican platform declares that on top of this enormous difference in prices here and abroad there is to be a further increase

in tariff rates, if the Republicans are successful, by increasing the present tariff duties, so that on top of the profits already enjoyed, there shall be added enough more to insure a "reasonable profit." It is the evident intention of our Republican tariff thinkers to allow the trusts and protected interests to say how much the increase shall be, and as we all know they are not bashful in their ideas of what is "reasonable"

Under this Republican plan of tariff revision "immediately after election," and no doubt it cannot be too immediate for the trusts and protected interests, the present plight of the American people will be comfort, pleasure and affluence compared to what the future will bring, if the voters allow the Republican revisionists and their trust friends full sway.

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The Rothville Bee says that Contractors Reick & Washburn resumed work on the new bank building this week and now the brick masons have the walls nearly finished. The work has been delayed on account of the contractors being unable to get their lumber, which has been held up by the floods. The work will now be rushed until the building is ready for occupancy.

Last Tuesday was the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stratton and while they were out for an evening walk friends began to assemble at the parsonage, when they came back they saw something was doing, says the Rothville Bee. The guests had taken full possession of the house and yard. Though it was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton they soon recognized the situation and seemed to enjoy it hugely. After hand-shakes and congratulation John Venable in behalf of a number of friends, presented them with a handsome set of dining-room chairs and parlor rocker. There were a number of other individual presents. The dining-room was then opened and about 180 guests were served abundantly to ice-cream and cake. It was one of those informal social affairs where the principle thing was to have a good time and all seemed to do it.

The Farmer's Wife

Is very careful about her churn. She scalds it thoroughly after using, and gives it a sun bath to sweeten it. She knows that if her churn is sour it will taint the butter that is made in it. The stomach is a churn. In the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts are performed processes which are almost exactly like the churning of butter. Is it not apparent then that if this stomach-churn is foul it makes foul all which is put into it?

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Little Boy is Drowned.

One of the most deplorable accidents that has ever saddened the people of McKinney occurred at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when Robert Osburn Sportsman, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sportsman of this city, was drowned in East Fork a short distance north of the bridge on the Farmersville road, about a mile and a half east of town.

The little fellow and a number of young companions, were playing at the creek, and after awhile he was seen struggling in the creek beyond his depth, and soon sank beneath the water, which at that place was very deep. His young companions, seeing that they could do nothing, hurriedly left in search of aid. On the bridge they met Mr. Pete Bomar who was coming toward town, and he instantly went to the scene, but finding it impossible to rescue the child sent at once for further assistance. A party was quickly summoned, including quite a number from this city, and Weeden Franklin who was one of the first to arrive, dived into the water, which was over ten feet deep, for the body. The first time, he touched the child's feet and the second time, managed to get hold of the body in such a manner that he was able to bring it from its watery resting place to the surface,

and thence to the bank of the creek. Although every effort was made at resuscitation, all proved unavailing, as the spark of life had fled. By this time a great crowd had gathered and the body was brought to Dr. Gibson's office and afterward taken to the home of the stricken parents on East Davis street.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the First Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Dr. E. E. King and were most beautiful and impressive. Pupils of the Sunday school class to which he belonged acted as pall-bearers, and there was singing by the pupils of the Sunday school, with Miss Ora Webb at the organ. At the grave the assembly was dismissed by Hon. L. J. Truett, superintendent of the Sunday school. There were many lovely floral offerings.

Robert Sportsman was a great grandson of "Uncle" Jack Sportsman of this county and we clip the above from a McKinney, Texas, paper.

Prairie Hill is to celebrate Thursday, July 30, Gov. Jos. W. Folk has promised to be present. The Swastika is advising the citizens to cut the weeds and clean the alleys before the crowd assembles.

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